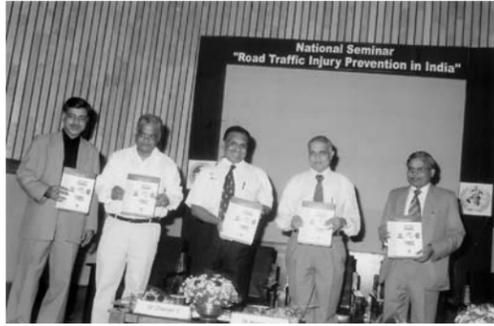
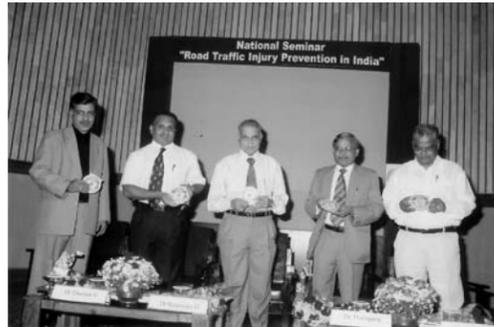


International Conference on Road Traffic Injury Prevention in India



This conference was held at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, India on July 29, 2006. It was organized by the NIMHANS. More than 200 participants attended this conference representing varied fields of expertise. The RTIRN was represented by the Secretary who spoke about the RTIRN and its role in the region and the world. The RTIRN material (newsletter and the partnership brochure) were grabbed up by the participants. 15 of the partnership forms were returned filled at the conference. Subsequent to the conference legislation on helmets were implemented in Bangalore.

Attached photograph standing from left Dr. G. Gururaj (Professor and Head, Department of Epidemiology, NIMHANS, Bangalore), Dr. Cherian Varghese (Cluster Co-ordinator, Non-communicable Disease and Mental Health, Office of the World Health Organization Representative to India), Dr. D. Nagaraja (Director/ Vice- Chancellor, NIMHANS, Bangalore), Dr. S.Thangaraj (Principal Secretary to the Transport Department Government of Karnataka, Bangalore), Dr. A.N. Sinha (Chief Medical Officer(HA) and National Nodal Officer for Injury Prevention and Control ,Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi) ■



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The Newsletter of the Road Traffic Injuries Research Network

A message from the RTIRN Board Vice Chair

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings! It is a pleasure to be in touch with all partners of RTIRN again. This newsletter will be released at the time of the annual meeting (Forum 10) of the Global Forum for Health Research in Cairo, Egypt. This a very important event for RTIRN not only due to the valuable support we have received from the Global Forum, but also for the opportunity to host a capacity development workshop in Egypt. A satellite session focusing on systematic reviews, research proposal development, and ethical issues in RTI research will be held on 28 Oct 2006. We are thankful to our Egyptian collaborators led by Professor Hesham El-Sayed and look forward to seeing many old and new friends there!

There have been a number of very positive developments at RTIRN. We are very pleased to enhance our board membership from China. Dr. Wu Fan, Director of the National Center for Chronic and Noncommunicable Disease Prevention and Control of the Centers for Disease Control in Beijing brings great strength to our efforts in promoting research on road traffic injuries in the developing world. We are also very pleased to announce the successful participating sites for our first multi-centre research study: "Facilitating Reductions in Non-Standard Motorcycle Helmet Use". After issuing a call for proposals in April, we were overwhelmed by responses from more than 30 institutions. With support from the Global Forum, WHO and the World Bank, we have been able to support ten countries! Please join us in congratulating these institutions and investigators

RTIRN has the objective of building a strong network of professionals working on RTI research across low and middle income countries. It is a pleasure to see efforts by all our partners to contribute to that vision. It is imperative that research studies and research outputs from the developing world continue to increase in both quantity and quality. We must gain a stronger foothold in the international scientific literature and we hope that RTIRN will contribute to further developing concrete outputs.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Egypt!

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“Facilitating Reductions in Non-Standard Motorcycle Helmet Use”

Following a call for proposals in April, we were overwhelmed by the responses from more than 30 institutions. This made us increase the number of participating sites from five to ten. To ensure a very transparent and equitable review of applications, we firstly identified all Conflicts of Interest with respect to Board members and the Secretariat. These individuals were then excluded from the development of the selection criteria and the subsequent selection process. Each application was scored by two independent reviewers based on 10 selection criteria. These included but were not limited to: the academic qualification of the principal investigator; having RTI research experience including demonstrated experience with road side surveys; the ability of the Institution to establish multi-disciplinary workgroups; having access to research tools and support including an ethics review board; and the host institution’s capacity to manage funds. Additionally, as there were multiple applications from a number of countries, a further criterion that was applied - in the interests of ensuring a truly international study - was that only the highest scoring application from each country would be funded. While originally we had anticipated funding 5 participating sites, with the support of additional funds from WHO and the World Bank, we have been able to support a further 5 sites.

The successful ten countries, institutions and principal investigators are listed below:

CHINA:	The China-Australia Partnership for Health, the George Institute for International Health (Principal Investigator: Dr. James Yu)
GHANA:	The Building and Road Research Institute (Principal Investigator: Dr. Francis Afukaar)
INDIA:	The National Institutes of Mental Health and Neurosciences (Principal Investigator: Dr. G. Gururaj)
MALYASIA:	University Putra Malaysia & University of Malaya (Principal Investigator: Dr. Kulanthayan Mani)
MEXICO:	The National Institute of Public Health of Mexico (Principal Investigator: Ms. Elisa Hidalgo Solorzano)
NIGERIA:	College of Medicine, University of Ibadan (Principal Investigator: Dr. Eme Owoaje)
PAKISTAN:	Aga Khan University (Principal Investigator: Dr. Junaid Razzak)
SRI LANKA:	University of Peradeniya (Principal Investigator: Dr. Samath Dharmaratne)
THAILAND:	Faculty of Public Health, Thammasat University (Principal Investigator: Dr. Nuntavarn Vichit-Vadakan)
VIETNAM:	Hanoi Department of Public Health (Principal Investigator: Dr. Tuan Pham)

Please join us in congratulating these institutions and investigators on their successful bids to be participating centers in the network’s multi-centre study. Data collection for this research is expected to begin in early 2007 and finalization of the study projected to occur by the end of that year.

Partner Profile: Prof. Hesham El-Sayed

Suez Canal University, Egypt.



The RTIRN is pleased to introduce Prof. Hesham El-Sayed, Head of the Department of Paediatrics and Director of the Clinical Epidemiology Unit, Suez Canal University, Egypt. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, Egypt, and have a Doctoral Degree in Pediatrics; a Masters Degree in Human Genetics from Edinburgh University, UK; and a Masters Degree in Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics from McMaster University, Canada. He has also studied Health Economics at Johns Hopkins University, USA. He has worked in the areas of child health, injury control, tropical and infectious diseases, and genetic diseases for more than 20 years and had conducted many studies, and have published more than 40 scientific papers dealing with child health, injuries and epidemiology both in international and national scientific journals. He has participated in publishing two books that dealt with injury epidemiology (RTI World Report, WHO, 2004; and Injury in Egypt, 1993, MOH/CDC). He is a member of many national and international organizations and scientific networks such as; the International Clinical Epidemiology Network (INCLLEN), the IPIFA Network (Injury Prevention Initiative for Africa), the International Epidemiology Network and the Egyptian Chapter of the International Traffic Medicine Association (ITMA/NGO) and a Board Member of the ISCAIP Society.

Capacity Building Workshop on “Skills Development for Research in Road Traffic Injuries”, on October 28, 2006 in Cairo, Egypt

On behalf of the Board of the Road Traffic Injuries Research Network (RTIRN) (www.rtirn.net), supported by the Global Forum for Health Research, the World Bank and the World Health Organization, we would like to invite you to attend a workshop on “Skills Development for Research in Road Traffic Injuries” to be held on October 28, 2006 in Cairo, Egypt, in conjunction with Forum 10, the annual meeting of the Global Forum for Health Research.

This meeting is being organized in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine, Suez Canal University, Egypt, and will be held in the Conrad Cairo Hotel, Cairo, Egypt on Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 9.00am – 5.00pm. The team leader of the Egyptian Organization Team is Prof. Hesham El-Sayed.

The objectives of this Workshop are;

- To increase awareness of the escalating global burden of road traffic injuries.
- To discuss the effectiveness of global efforts to control road traffic injuries, with special emphasis on developing countries.
- To improve the knowledge of participants on how to apply for research grants, and to give them information about some of the agencies interested in supporting research on Injury Control.
- Improve networking between the different organizations and institutions interested in the control of road traffic injuries, to improve the quality of research and promote the multi-sectoral efforts for the control of road traffic injuries.

The meeting will be conducted by a team from the Road Traffic Injuries Research Network (RTIRN) and representatives from international organizations including the WHO (Head Quarters and EMRO Regional Office), the World Bank, and the Global Forum for Health Research. It will also involve representatives from different institutions from the hosting country of the meeting, including the Ministry of Health and Population, the National Academy of Research, Egyptian universities and research institutions. Furthermore, it will include representatives from other networks interested in research and injury control such as the International Clinical Epidemiology Network (INCLLEN) and the International Traffic Medicine Association (ITMA).

Participants:

The meeting is intended for researchers, professionals, and policy decision makers from different disciplines interested in injury control, with special emphasis on road traffic injuries.

Outline of the Workshop Program; the main sessions of the program will be the following:

1. Review of the global/regional burden and initiatives for road traffic injuries control.
2. Identifying good research questions/topics.
3. Grant writing skills
4. Ethics
5. Continuing engagement with RTIRN and other institutions to promote international efforts for injury control with special emphasis on road traffic injuries.